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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James Johnston  
Chairman, Information Working Group  
NSC Interagency Law of the Sea Task Force

SUBJECT : Information for a Law of the Sea (LOS) Data Bank

1. Attached are the LOS-related data that you recently requested. Twenty-six major subject fields, tabulated on the 149 political entities scheduled to participate in the LOS conference, are included.

2. These data have been gathered from what we consider to be the best available sources. The sources are cited on each listing. Classification varies from Unclassified through Confidential; each listing is labelled. Information on three subjects -- sealane traffic, tonnage through straits, and numbers of long range military aircraft -- has not been included. We have been unable to find information on the first two subjects. The third needs further defining as to what constitutes "long range military aircraft" from a LOS straits point of view. It was not feasible to compile complete statistics on the supply of all substitutes for the four nodule metals. We have instead attempted to identify the most likely substitute metals and the major producers of these substitutes.

3. Research and assembly of this information <sup>have</sup> been done by [redacted] the Office of Basic and Geographic Intelligence, with assistance from the Office of Economic Research and the Central Reference Service. Questions and comments should be addressed to [redacted]

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Attachment:  
As stated above.

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